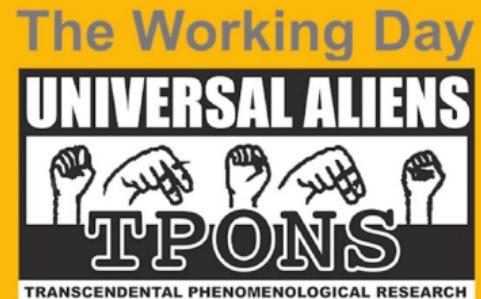


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# Predicament:

A difficult, unpleasant or embarrassing, sometimes comical situation from which it is hard to extricate oneself; an unfortunate, perplexing or trying condition; a tight spot.

From the Greek word meaning **a state of being**; related to **predict**. Synonyms: plight, quagmire, quandary. Types: **box, corner** ~ a predicament from which a skillful or graceful escape is impossible; **hot water** ~ a dangerous or distressing predicament; **difficulty** ~ a condition almost beyond one's ability to deal with, and requiring great effort to bear.

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Life is passing time.

→ I NEED TO WORK. →

→ I MUST QUIT MY JOB. →